

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to take notice of the following related applications (which are copending with the present application).

1. Serial No. 849,071 filed on April 4, 1986 and
2. Serial No. 849,243 filed on April 7, 1986.

2.2 LIST OF ART CITED BY APPLICANT IN COMPLIANCE WITH MPEP 609

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the art cited by Applicant, which is in compliance with MPEP 609.

MPEP 609 establishes that, in this particular case, copies of the art is not required.

? "Where the applicant has submitted copies of prior art in accordance with these guidelines in a prior application or the Office has cited the prior art in applicant's prior application, reference to the submission in the prior application will be sufficient for the continuing application as far as the copies are concerned." [emphasis added] (MPEP 609).

The art cited by Applicant herein was cited in related "prior application" Serial No. 425,131 filed on September 27, 1982.

? Hence there was no need for such copies to be provided in the present application.

MPEP 609 establishes that, in this particular case, additional statements of relevance are not required.

"As far as the statement per se is concerned, the relevance of the prior art to the claimed subject matter must be indicated if it differs from its relevance as explained in the prior application." [emphasis added] (MPEP 609).

Because the relevance does not differ, an additional statement herein is not required.


III, SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that the present application meets the requirements of the statutes, the rules of practice, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and that all claims are patentably distinct over the prior art. .

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Respectfully submitted

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